



Brownfields 2006 Grant Fact Sheet

Rosebud, TX

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The City of Rosebud was selected to receive a brownfields cleanup grant. A rural agricultural community, Rosebud (population 1,493) has a median household income well below the state-wide average. More than 47 percent of the city's residents are minorities, and 24.5 percent of residents live below the poverty level. The housing stock of the city is deteriorating, and no new housing has been built in the past 20 years. After the target site is cleaned up, the city plans to construct new affordable housing to meet the needs of low-to-moderate income residents. Brownfields redevelopment is expected to expand the local tax base, enhance security, and increase property values in the city.



Cleanup Grant



\$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the City of Rosebud for a brownfields cleanup grant. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to clean up the former Halbert Hospital at 311 North Military. The site contains three buildings built before 1950 that have been vacant for over a decade. Grant funds also will be used to prepare a cleanup plan and conduct community involvement activities.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.